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# CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide

For the E-SESS™ Online Assessment System

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- Conducting the Assessment
- Retrieving Reports after the Assessment

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# **State Superintendent Greeting**





Greetings on behalf of the Arizona Department of Education Career & Technical Education and Arizona State University Workforce Education & Development Office

Welcome to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Online Technical Skills Assessment. We greatly appreciate your serving as an assessment administrator/proctor during this school year.

It is the responsibility of Arizona Department of Education to ensure that Arizona industry-validated standards are offered to all CTE students providing a skills assessment system that documents skill attainment. This assessment will authenticate technical skills attained in Arizona's CTE programs and validate these skills for business and industry throughout Arizona.

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## **Online Assessment Overview**

The Arizona Skills Standards Assessment System uses the CTE Online Assessment to measure attainment of rigorous technical standards through a valid and reliable assessment.

#### **Assessment Window**

All school districts that offer CTE programs will administer CTE Online Assessments during this school year. The established assessment windows for SY 2008-2009 allows for over 20 days in each window for districts to conduct assessments:

- November 17 to December 19, 2008
- April 20 to May 20, 2009

#### Access Website/Passwords

The CTE Online Assessment website is <a href="http://www.esess.org/">http://www.esess.org/</a>. Each district will be issued one assessment administrator password. Passwords issued during the pilot assessment in Spring 2008 will be invalid after districts receive a new password. Each assessment administrator will also receive a password for CTE teachers to access reports for their students.

#### **First Time Login**

- Type Arizona in the box for Organization and type your district password in the box for Password.
- Click the Login box and you will be at the Login Verification Page.
- Scroll down the page to the Statement of Understanding and Agreement. Click to confirm your agreement with security and then click continue. The Administrative Menu window will open.
- Three options are displayed. When working with selections from the Administrative Menu, be aware that you will be looking at pop-up pages and you should not click the BACK
   on the left of your menu bar to get back to the menu. If you do so, you will get a "time expired" message and you will need to click the Refresh button.
- Click the Red X at the top right of the menu bar. The pop-up page will close and you will return to the Administrative Menu of options.

#### **Eligible Students**

The Online CTE Assessment is designed to be administered as an end-of-program assessment for CTE students who are completing a CTE program. All eligible students should be registered to take the assessment. The criteria for eligibility and the Carnegie unit requirements are located in the Appendix. Districts are expected to expand student coverage annually.

At the end of the <u>first</u> semester there are two types of students who will take the assessment:

- Concentrators who are currently completing the state-designated sequence of CTE courses and will not be enrolled in the same CTE program second semester.
- Concentrators who are enrolled in the last year of the state-designated sequence of CTE courses and want to practice to identify their strengths and weaknesses.

At the end of their <u>second</u> semester Concentrators who are currently completing the statedesignated sequence of courses will take the assessment.

#### **Limited Number of Assessment Items**

Due to the limited number of assessment items in the item bank, students should take an assessment only once during an assessment window.

#### **Students Taking Multiple Assessments**

Some students may meet the eligibility requirements for more that one CTE program assessment. These students may take multiple assessments and will be registered for each CTE program assessment separately.

#### **Assessment Security**

Keep the assessment system secure each time it is accessed. The CTE Security Agreement is located in the Appendix. Each district will follow district established assessment procedures. In addition, the Superintendent must sign the CTE Security Agreement and submit it to ADE by November 7 annually. All administrators and proctors must sign a paper copy of the CTE Security Agreement. The signed security agreements will be kept on file by the designated district administrator.

For the purposes of the CTE Online Assessment, CTE students will agree to assessment security online only.

#### **Assessment Time**

The CTE Online Assessment is **not a timed assessment**. For purposes of scheduling, it is estimated that most students will finish the assessment in two hours. This does not include the necessary time to distribute passwords, log in each student, review the practice assessment, read the script and print out the student results after the assessment.

#### **Tutorial Available 24-7**

The new CTE Online Assessment Tutorial is available at www.techfluency.org/Arizona It will serve as a valuable resource for administrators, proctors and teachers to review as needed.

#### **Technical Support**

Technical support before, during or after the assessment is available from the online assessment provider at Technological Fluency Institute (TFI). TFI also issues the district password to the assessment administrator. Technical assistance is available from TFI at **866-277-5061** or by email at tony@techfluency.org. TFI is available 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central time Monday through Friday.

#### **Suggested Initial Activities Prior to Registering Students**

The following list was compiled with the assistance of those who participated in the Spring 2008 pilot process.

- Provide a window of available dates to conduct the CTE assessment to CTE teachers, district assessment staff and high school administration. Determine specific assessment dates for each site and provide email reminder messages throughout the process.
- 2. Identify specific district CTE programs that will be assessed. Inform all stakeholders and place dates on school calendar, website, etc.
- 3. Secure computer labs at each site for assessment.
- 4. Prepare list of students enrolled in each CTE program for second, third, fourth year. Confirm that all students are listed under the correct program CIP code and meet eligibility requirements for the end-of-program assessment located in the Appendix. Generate CTE student assessment roster for each site based on eligibility requirements.
- 5. Collect student data necessary to register students for the assessment. The registration information sheet on page 11 provides the complete list of fields and the explanation.
- Provide all sites with information regarding the number of proctors needed and arrange for additional proctors if necessary. <u>CTE teachers do not assess their own students</u>. One proctor is necessary for approximately every 25 students.
- 7. Meet with district administration regarding CTE Security Agreement, located in the Appendix, and obtain superintendent's signature on CTE Security Agreement. FAX to ADE CTE by November 7, 2008.
- 8. Provide site contacts with sample letter to be sent to parents.
- 9. Prepare assessment schedule for computer rooms. Allow a minimum of at least two hours of assessment time for each group of students.
- 10. Prepare release time forms for proctors if necessary.
- 11. Secure additional technical assistance and lead proctors from CTE office. Confirm who will be coming from the district CTE office to assist on the day of the assessment.
- 12. Make arrangements with the cafeteria if changes in lunch schedule are needed.
- 13. Forward electronic copy of the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide to all proctors. Print the CTE Security Agreement forms for all assessment staff.
- 14. Schedule and conduct assessment orientation as necessary. Use the 24/7 tutorial available at www.techfluency.org/Arizona during the orientation. Obtain signed Security Agreements from all assessment administrators and forward to designated district assessment administrator.
- 15. Secure scratch paper and pencils for each site.

- 16. Ensure that online system is compatible with the computers at each site. Contact technical support if there are any concerns.
- 17. Conduct an onsite visit to the computer labs. It is strongly recommended that every computer lab access the sample assessment prior to assessment date. Directions are located on page 36. Good lighting, ventilation, and freedom from distracting noises and interruptions are important for student performance. Determine if the room contains any visual aids that could assist students while taking the assessment. They must be removed or covered completely. Determine if student seating in the computer lab allows for the proctor to walk by each student. Check to see if there is an accurate clock in the assessment center. It is highly recommended that a printer be available to print student results.
- 18. Communicate with students and their CTE teacher regarding the time and location of the computer lab. Inform students that they are not to bring personal items to the assessment center.
- 19. Send communication regarding CTE assessment dates, times, and room numbers to administration and teachers at each site.
- 20. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator from ADE.

# **System Features**

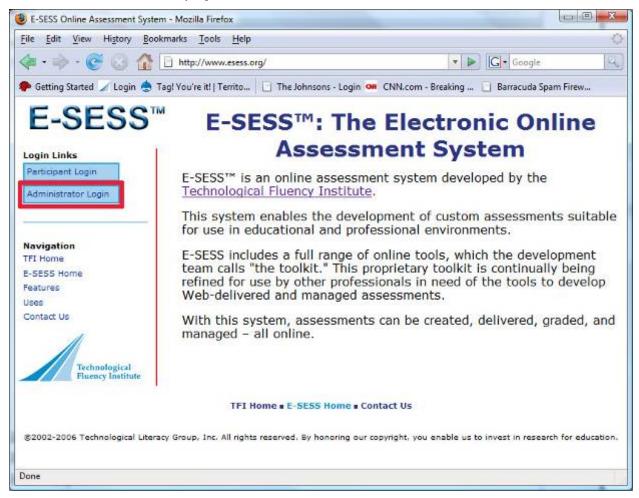
The administrative menu is set up in three groupings: Forms, Reports and Updates. The following is a list of the most commonly used features with their locations listed in chronological order.

- 1. Log in to the E-SESS administrative menu.
- 2. Read the greeting and agree to the terms of the assessment administration.
- 3. Add multiple participants: Forms: Add Participant Create Import Template and Forms: Add Participant Import Excel.
- 4. Add a single participant: Forms: Add Participant Long.
- 5. Retrieve passwords: Reports: Login.
- 6. Modify assigned assessments: Updates: Assessments Assign.
- 7. Modify participant information: Updates: Assessment Adjust Time.
- 8. Retrieve scores: Reports: Participant Information.
- 9. Access general participant information: Reports: Summary.

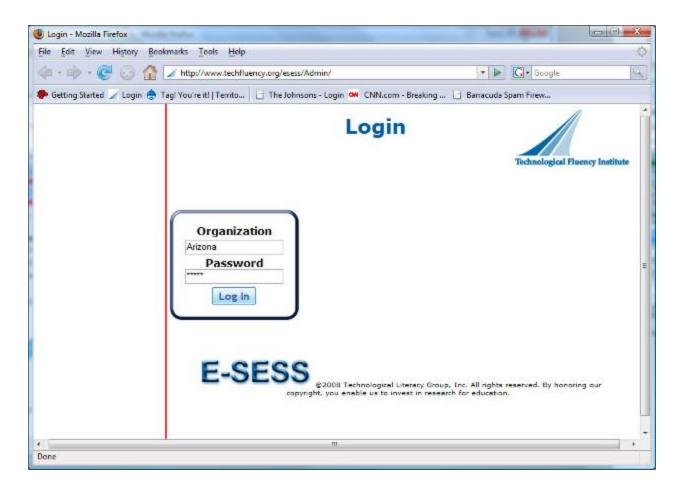
Details for each feature are found within this guide and arranged by the menu groupings.

## **Administrator Login**

To access the administrator page:



1. Open a browser window and navigate to http://www.esess.org/. Click the **Administrator Login** button located in the left menu.



- 2. In the **Organization** field: type Arizona.
- 3. In the **Password** field: type the password you were given.
- 4. Click Login.

# **Online Administrator Agreement**

## Administrator Agreement

The assessment administrator will not be the students' CTE teacher for the program being assessed. As the assessment administrator, I will proctor the assessment in a fair and ethical manner addressing the following assessment rules:

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Confirm that students are currently enrolled in CTE program sequence or have completed the CTE program sequence.
- 2. Provide the students with the opportunity to experience the practice assessment.
- 3. Provide students with accurate login and password information.
- 4. Create and maintain an appropriate atmosphere for assessing.

#### Security

- 1. Agree not to examine or disclose any of the assessment content beyond the requirements to administer the assessment.
- 2. Agree not to discuss assessment items or provide answers to students.
- 3. Ensure adequate security with students' SAIS numbers and passwords.
- 4. Ensure adequate security during assessment administration.
- 5. Ensure student confidentiality.

#### Administration

- 1. Implement fair and ethical assessing practices.
- 2. Ensure that all students who should be assessed are assessed.
- 3. Provide appropriate accommodations following ADE accommodations information sent under separate letter to district assessment administrator.
- 4. Utilize the online assessments only for the purposes for which they were designed.

#### Statement of Understanding and Agreement

By checking this box  $\Box$  I indicate that I have read and I will follow the assessment rules, related to preparation, security and administration expected during the online assessment process.

Any violation of the assessment rules during the online assessment process will be considered a breach of professional ethics and disciplinary action includes but is not limited to disqualification of individual or group assessment results.

## **Registering Students Overview**

#### **Two Options**

The assessment administrator has two options to register students for the assessment:

- Excel template large districts will use the efficient Excel import to register students. It can be used to import up to 5000 students. A sample Excel template is located in the Appendix.
- Online students are registered one at a time using the drop down fields.

#### **Registration Fields**

Accurate registration allows the users of the system to retrieve timely, efficient and user-friendly reports. The fields on the page 11 provide specific information and explanations for each field. This information should be assembled prior to registration.

#### **Limited Number of Assessment Items**

Due to the limited number of assessment items in the item bank, students should take an assessment only once during an assessment window.

#### **Modify Registration**

After students are registered it is essential to review for accuracy. If changes need to be made, there are two ways to modify student registration:

- Summary Report allows the modification of demographics and assessment assignments:
  - 1. To access the report, make selections from the Optional Filters list. (This will be the only time you will be making selections in a box with a blue background.)
  - 2. To use this report you will need to know the User I.D. of each student in your program.
  - 3. Click to Edit and modify student's assigned assessments by clicking Assign.
- Modify Student Assessment Report allows for the modification of the assessment only. The directions begin on page 23

#### **Students Taking Multiple Assessments**

Some students may meet the eligibility requirements for more that one CTE program assessment. These students may take multiple assessments and will be registered for each CTE program assessment separately.

#### Registration User ID Card

The final step in registering students is accessing the Login Report. It provides the information that you will forward to the proctor. This report contains the individual registration information for each student.

#### **Suggested Final Activities Prior to Assessment**

- 1. Generate the list of Registration User ID cards.
- 2. Cut the ID cards and sort/collate with the assessment rosters.
- 3. Prepare proctor envelope containing assessment rosters, proctor password and Registration User ID cards for each assessment room. Also provide information to the proctors about sending students back to class.
- 4. Provide envelopes to proctors.
- 5. Forward the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide to proctors and conduct final proctor training if this has not already been completed.
- Confirm that CTE teachers have informed their students of location of assessment computer lab. Remind CTE teachers that students are not to bring personal items to the assessment computer lab.
- 7. Confirm that each computer lab is ready for students.
- 8. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator from ADE.
- Send final communication to CTE teachers and site administration regarding CTE assessment dates, times and computer room numbers.
- 10. Review the legislative background located in Appendix with school administrators if this has not already been completed.

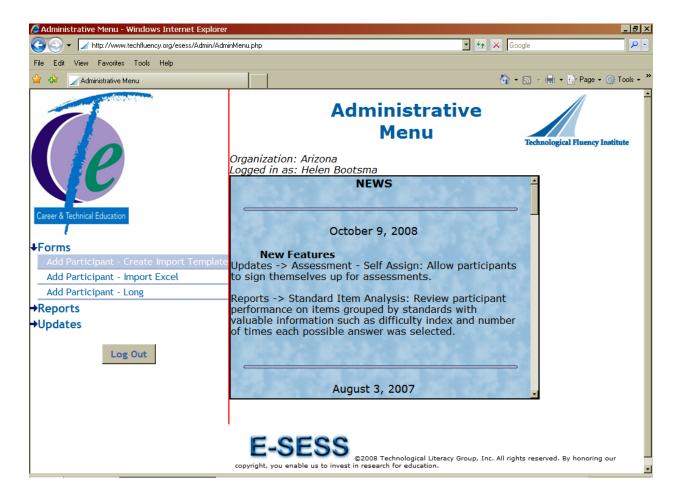
# **Required Fields to Register Students**

Field	Explanation	Required
SAIS ID	The district office has an ADE-generated Student	Yes
	Accountability Information System (SAIS)	
	identification number for each student enrolled in	
	AZ.	
CTDS Number	The County, Type, District and School number	Yes
	assigned to each school in Arizona.	
	Use the school that reports CTE Performance	
	Measures data.	
District Name		Yes
High School Name		Yes
Student Birth Date	The student birth date will assist ADE CTE if the	Yes
Format 090995	SAIS number does not match the concentrator	
	performance measures data submitted in June.	
Gender - Enter only M or F	<u></u>	Yes
M- Male, F- Female		
Race - Use single letter	For additional information see p 51 in the	Yes
W- White, non Hispanic	Guidelines.	
B- Black, non Hispanic	http://www.ade.az.gov/Guidelines/CTE/EX-23.pdf	
H- Hispanic		
I- American Indian or Alaska Native		
A- Asian or Pacific Islander		
Special Population - Use two digits	Report the one category most applicable to the	Yes
NO - No special population	student receiving services.	103
HA - Individuals with Disabilities (handicap)	stodeni receiving services.	
EC - Economically Disadvantaged Individuals	See Appendix for Special Populations	
SP - Single Parents	Definitions.	
LE - Individuals with Limited English Proficiency	Definitions.	
Grade Level		Yes
9, 10, 11, 12		163
Program Completion Status - Enter only one	For additional information see Appendix	Yes
FEOP - Final End of Program	Who Takes CTE End-of Program Assessments?	163
PACE - Practicing Assessment Currently	Wild Takes CTL Lila-of Trogram Assessments?	
Enrolled		
Program Name	The six digit Classification of Instruction	Yes
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	program. Information is available in the	
	Handbook.	
Program Option	See Appendix for program CIP numbers.  See Appendix for program/option name CTE	Yes
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	program/option includes state-designated	
	sequence of instruction as identified in Handbook at	
	http://www.ade.az.gov/cte/careerpathways/Handbook	
Contact Teacher Format Ln,fn	Teacher of record for the course in which the	No
Optional to leave blank.	student is currently enrolled. It will be helpful	.,5
ophonal to leave blank	to district in generating several reports.	
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District Use Only - Text Field		
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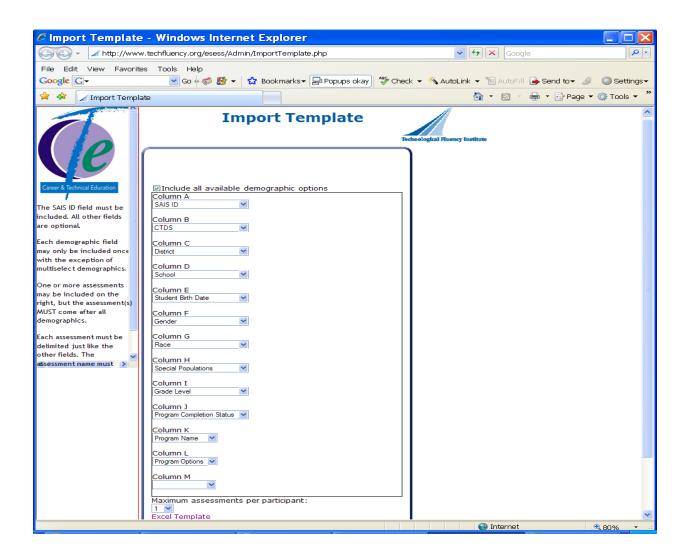
# **Forms to Register Students**

## Create Import Template to Add Multiple Students

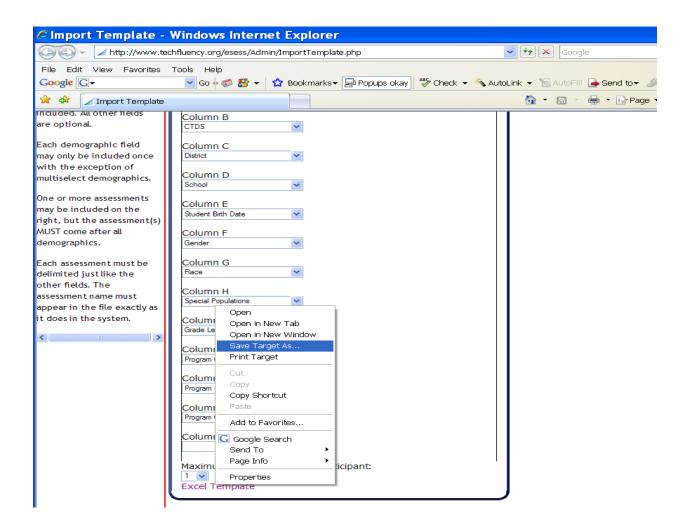
This form enables multiple participants to be added to E-SESS at one time. The import allows up to 5,000 participants per import spreadsheet. This process involves multiple steps. First, you must create an Excel template. Then, students are applied to the template. The final step is to import the template into E-SESS. The directions for creating the Excel template are:



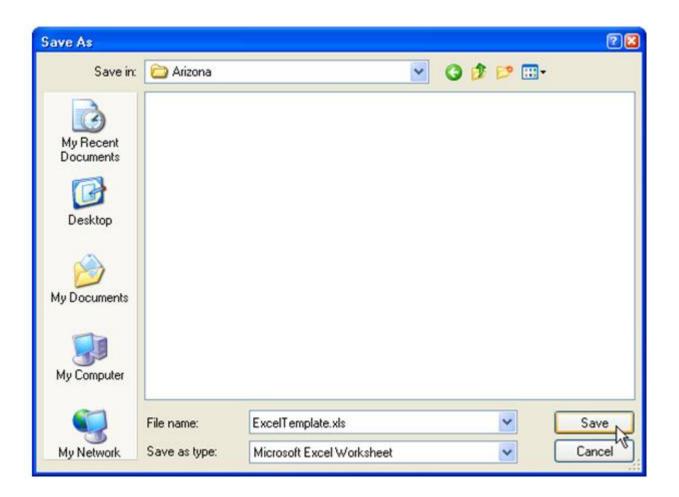
- 1. Click Forms.
- 2. Click Add Participant Create Import Template.



- 3. Click the checkbox labeled "Include all available demographic options."
- 4. Select the following columns: SAIS ID, CTDS Number, District Name, High School Name, Student Birth Date, Gender, Race, Special Population, Grade Level, Program Completion Status, Program Name, Program Option, Contact Teacher (optional) and District Use Only (optional).
- 5. Set the Maximum number of assessments per participant to one (1).



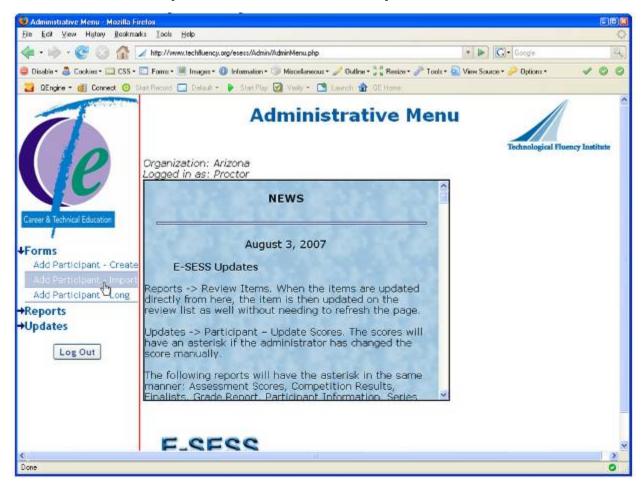
- 6. Right-click the **Excel Template** link.
- 7. Click **Save Target As** in Internet Explorer.



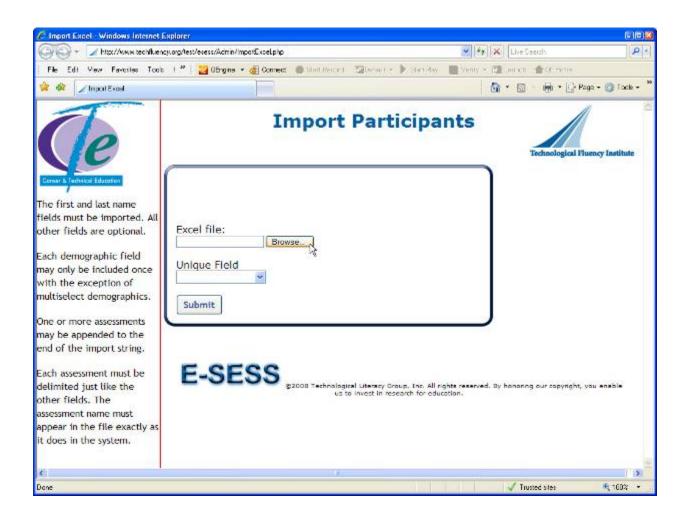
- 8. Choose a name and location for the file and click **Save**.
- 9. Close the Import Template window.
- 10. Add your student roster to the Excel template that you just created and saved. Save the populated file and then use the **Add Participant Import Excel** feature.

**NOTE:** Please use the italic demographics if they are provided. They must be used exactly as they are spelled. If you do not do so, you will not be able to access your students.

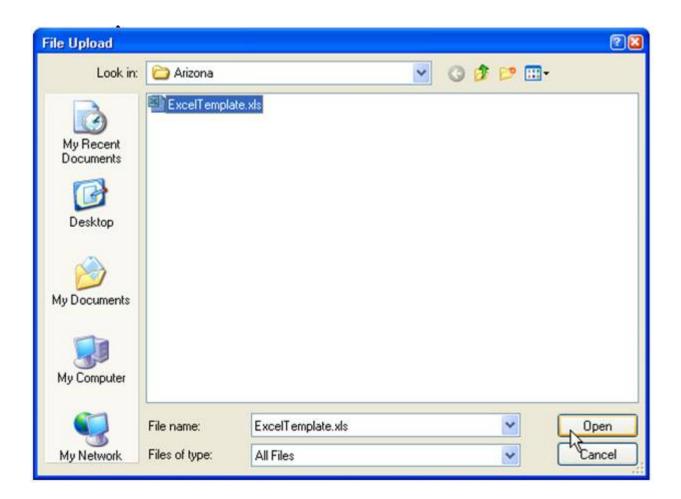
## Import Excel to Add Multiple Students



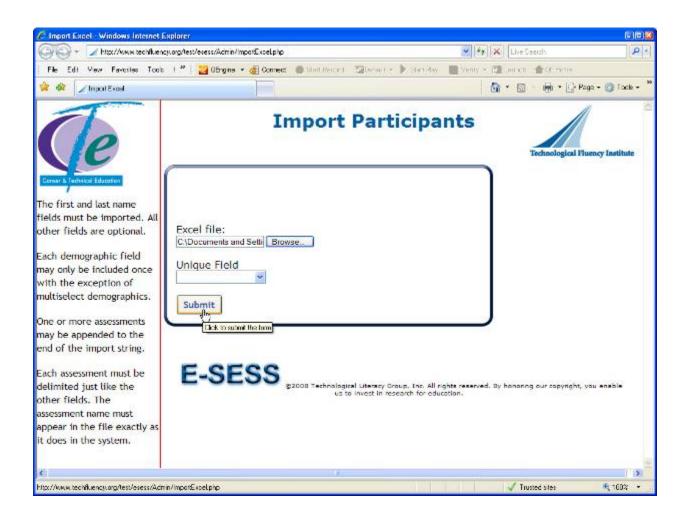
- 1. Click Forms.
- 2. Click Add Participant Import Excel.



#### 3. Click Browse.



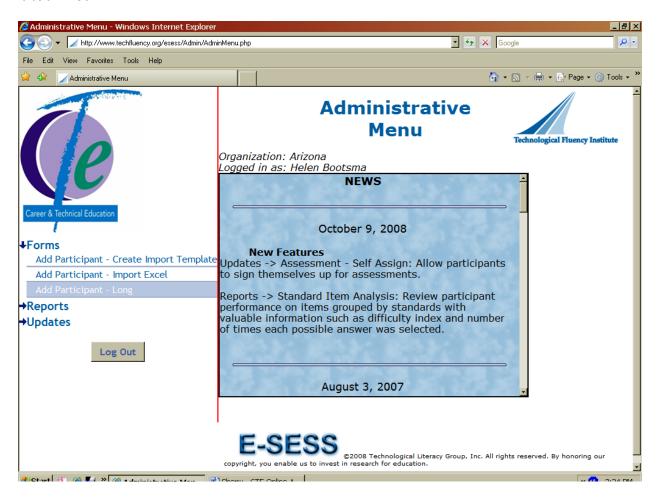
- 4. Select the completed **Excel template** document.
- 5. Click Open.



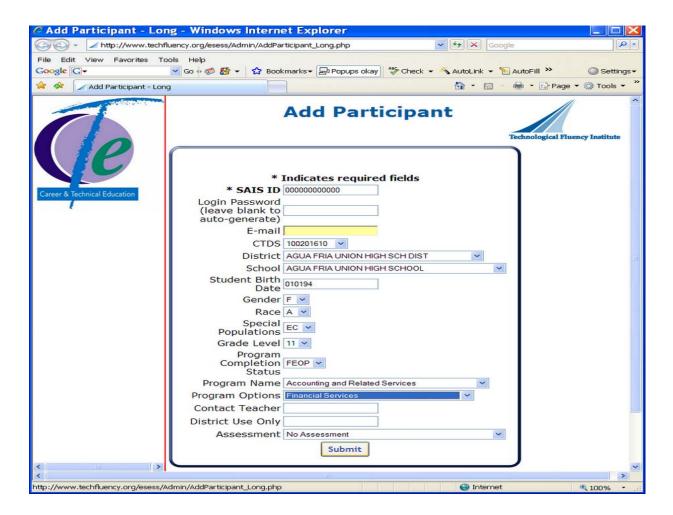
- 6. Leave the **Unique Field** information blank.
- 7. Click Submit.
- 8. If no errors are reported, close the **Import Participants** window. If errors are reported, take the appropriate action to repair the Excel template document and repeat the import process.

## Add a Single Student

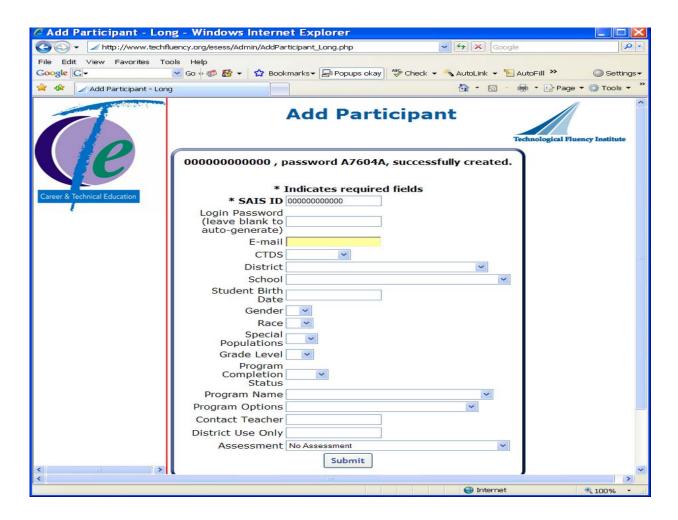
This form enables you to add one participant at a time. You can set all the demographics and add the participant to a single assessment. The name and password are reported after the form is submitted.



- 1. Click Forms.
- 2. Click Add Participant Long.



- 3. Use the student's **SAIS ID number**. Leave the **Login Password** and the email fields blank. Complete all remaining fields. Select an **Assessment** from the drop-down list at the bottom of the form. If the student needs to take additional assessments, see the section on Modify Student Assessment Assignment: Assessment Assign.
- 4. Click Submit.

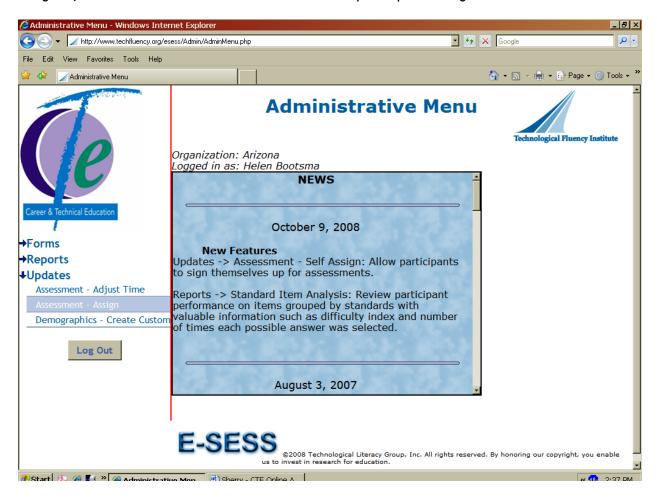


- 5. Note the password returned in bold at the top of the screen. You have two choices:
  - a. Make a note of the password at this time.
  - b. Retrieve the password later via the reports.
- 6. Close the Add Participant Long window.

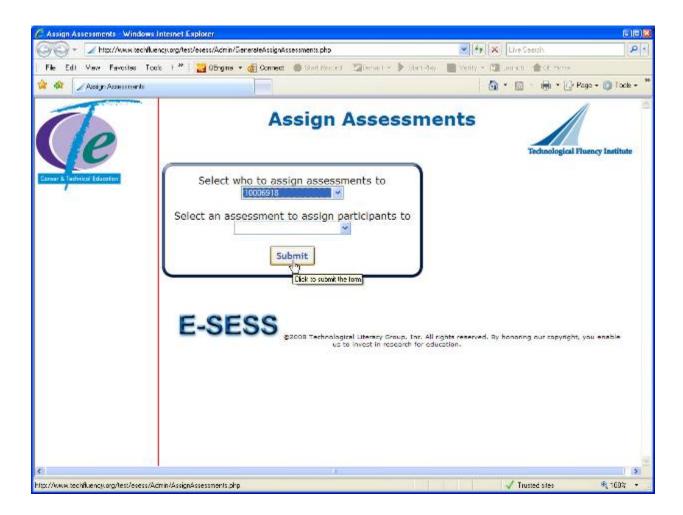
# **Modify Student Assessment Assignment**

## Assessment - Assignment

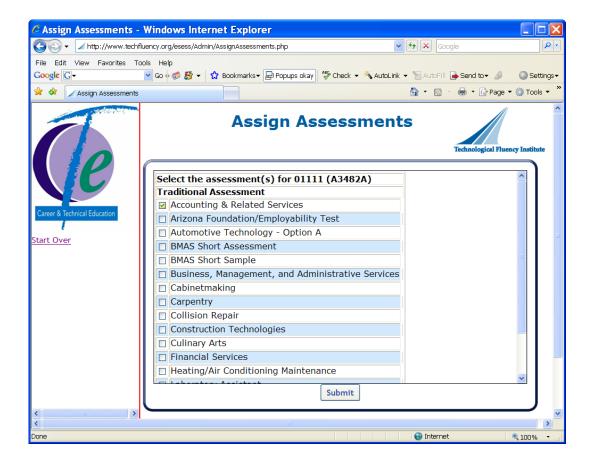
This form allows assessments to be assigned. A participant can be selected and then assessments assigned, or an assessment can be selected and then participants assigned.



- 1. Click Updates.
- 2. Click Assessment Assign.



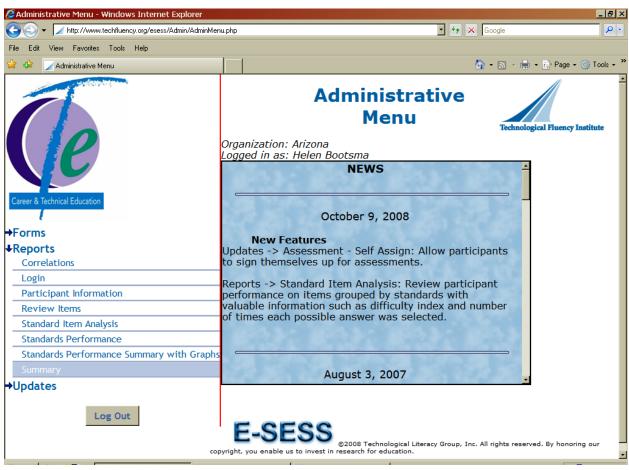
- 3. Select the appropriate **participant** from the "Select who to assign assessments to list" or select the appropriate **assessment** from the "Select an assessment to assign participants to list." **DO NOT select both**.
- 4. Click Submit.



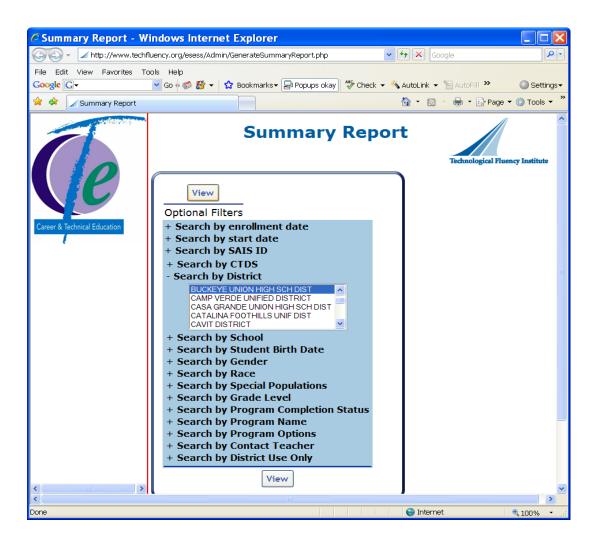
- 5. Check the boxes under Traditional Assessment in the "Select the assessment(s) for ALL participants" box for assessments the participant should be allowed to take; uncheck all other boxes. If the participant has already completed the assessment, they cannot be removed from it.
- 6. Click Submit.
- 7. Close the Assign Assessments window.

## **Access Summary Report for Final Modifications**

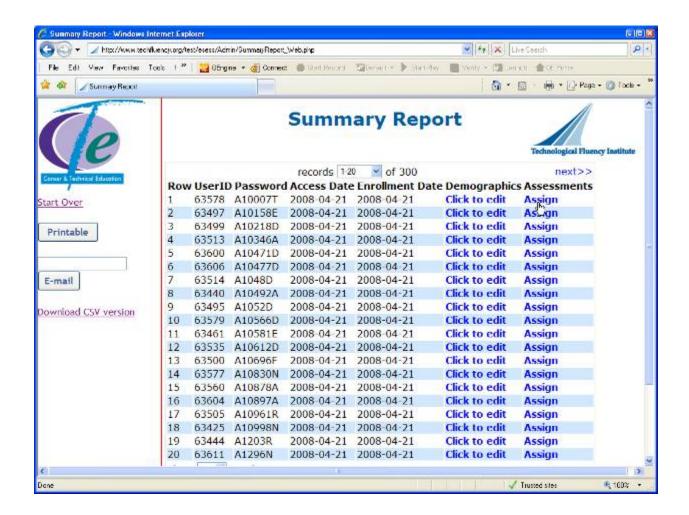
This report provides a brief summary of participant information such as SAIS ID, password and enrollment date. It also provides links to modify the demographics and assessment assignments.



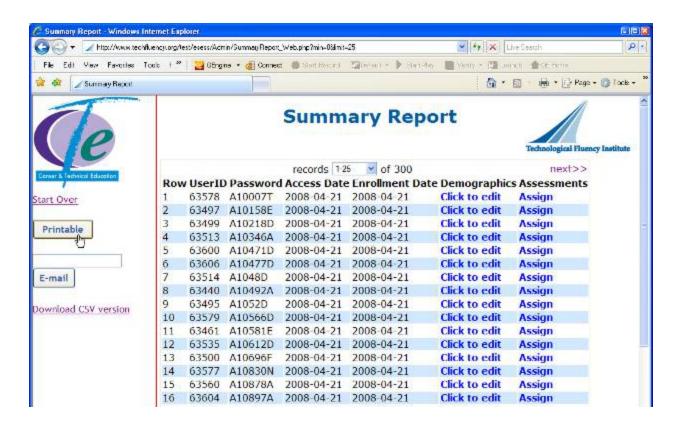
- 1. Click Reports.
- 2. Click Summary.
- 3. Select any **Optional Filters** by clicking the Search by text and then selecting the desired options after the list is populated.



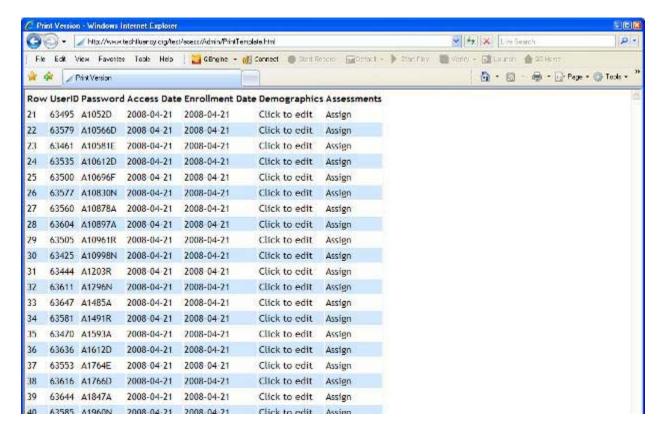
4. Click View.

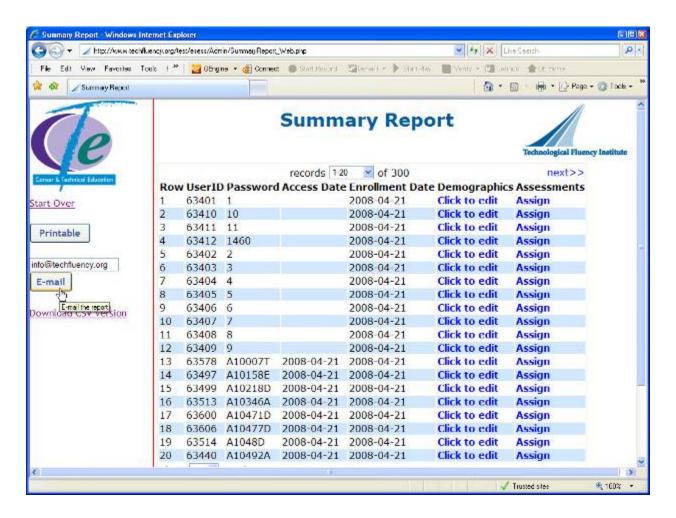


- 5. If you need to modify a participant's demographics, click the "Click to edit" link.
- 6. If you need to modify the participant's assigned assessments, click the "Assign" link.



7. If you need a printed copy of the report, click the **Printable** button. The resulting report is formatted for printing (see below) and can be printed with the browser's print features.



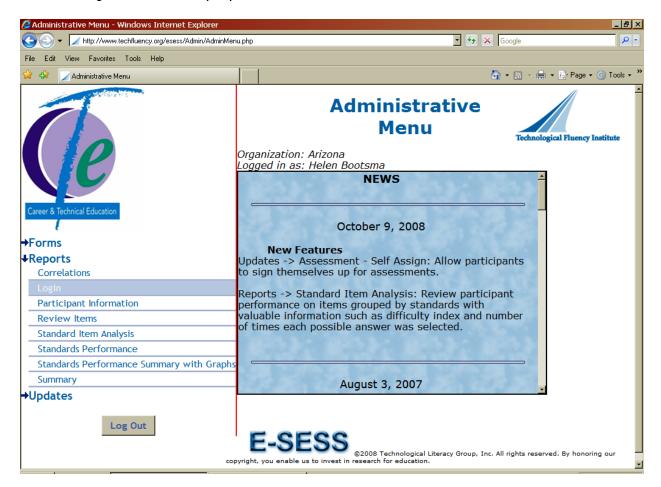


8. If you need to email a copy of the report, type the recipient's email address in the box located on the left side of the screen and click the email button.

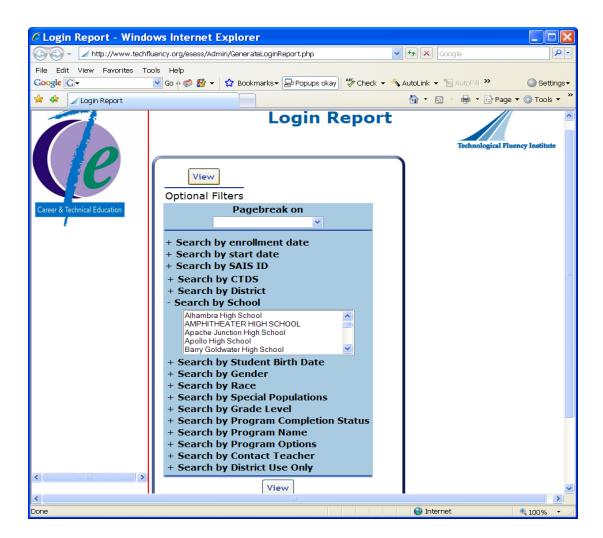
### **Retrieve Student Passwords**

## The Login Report

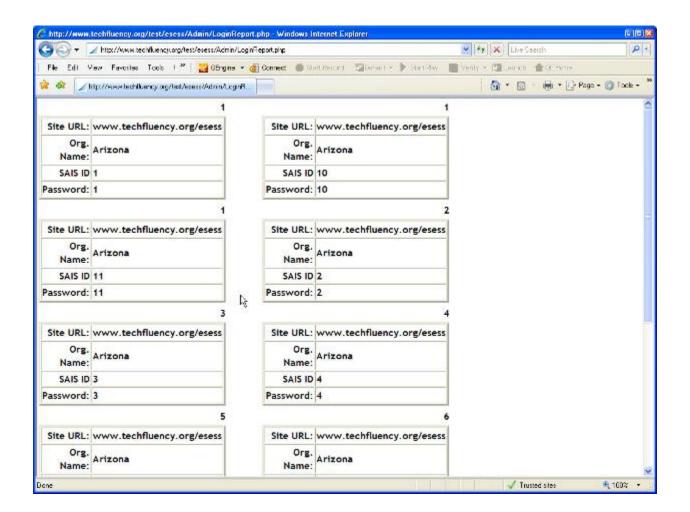
This is the last step in registering your students. This report shows the student exactly what they need to log in to the system. The URL is provided as well as the SAIS ID and Password fields. Each student will get their own unique password.



- 1. Click Reports.
- 2. Click Login.



- 3. Select the desired **Optional Filters** to limit the data reported.
- 4. Click View.



 The resulting report can be printed using the browser print features. The report can be cut apart and each student can be given the slip of paper with his or her login information at the appropriate time. This slip of paper is called a **Registration Student** User ID Card.

# **Conducting the Assessment Overview**

#### **Proctor Activities Prior to Assessment**

- 1. Participate in the CTE assessment administrator training and review the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide.
- 2. Review the Proctor Script and the section on adjusting time for assessment in preparation for any unexpected situations.
- 3. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator from ADE.
- 4. Proctors should plan to arrive early with proctor envelope.
- 5. Confirm that the room is ready for the students and that the number of computers available is sufficient for the number of students on the assessment roster.
- 6. Review the assessment roster and verify student identity by checking student name on the assessment schedule roster as students enter the room. Make sure all students are on assessment roster list.
- 7. Show students where to place personal belongings and request them to turn off any cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, etc. as they enter the room.
- 8. Distribute scratch paper, pens and pencils.

#### **Practice Assessment**

The students should experience the practice assessment so they become familiar with the online assessment environment. Proctors should begin by giving the students a few minutes to log in to access the sample assessment.

#### **Read the Proctor Script**

The assessment proctor must read the script exactly as it written. Log in with the students to review the Participant Guide. After reviewing the Participant Guide distribute Registration User ID Cards to students.

#### **Adjust Time**

Under some unexpected or extenuating situations it may be necessary to adjust the time. Directions are on page 47. The proctor will want to review and be comfortable with the directions prior to conducting the assessment.

#### **Printing Reports for Students**

Assist students with printing the results. If students were unable to print their results, log in to the administrator system and run the Standards Performance Report. Print the report and distribute to each of the students.

#### **Technical Support**

Technical support before, during or after the assessment is available from the online assessment provider at Technological Fluency Institute (TFI). TFI also issues the district password to the assessment administrator. Technical assistance is available from TFI at **866-277-5061** or by email at tony@techfluency.org. TFI is available 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central time Monday through Friday.

#### **Proctor Activities After the Assessment**

- 1. Send students back to class according to directions from assessment administrator.
- 2. Collect all scratch paper and Registration User ID Cards from students before they leave the room. Place in proctor envelope.
- 3. Verify that all students are logged out of the online system and the computer.
- 4. Notify attendance office of students who were absent for the assessment.
- 5. Notify assessment administrator of students who participated and those who were absent.
- 6. Return proctor envelope to assessment administrator.

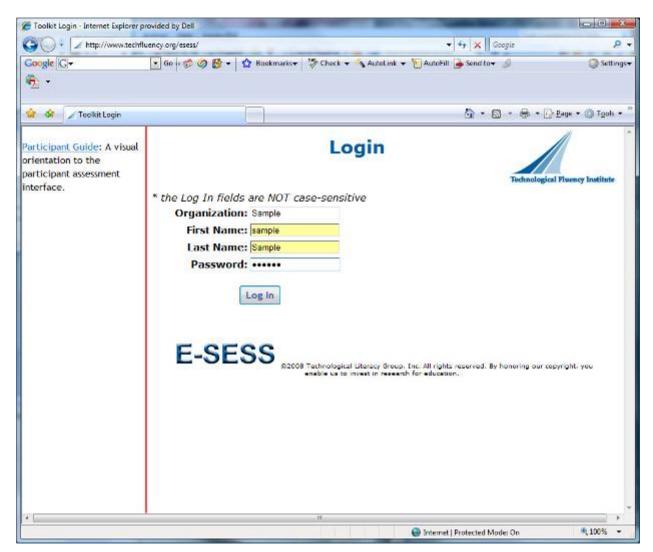
## **Practice Assessment Instructions**

## Sample Assessment Access

It is strongly recommended that every assessment site access the sample assessments for two reasons: 1) To ensure that the online assessment system functions appropriately on the computers at the school and 2) To ensure that the proctors and students are familiar with the online assessment environment prior to completing a live assessment.

Three 10-item sample assessments are available: business, math and science. These assessments are not scored and are provided strictly as an example of the assessment system.

To access the sample assessments:



- 1. Open a browser window and navigate to <a href="http://www.esess.org/">http://www.esess.org/</a>. Click the Participant Login button located in the left menu.
- 2. If a blue box with one text entry field appears, type Sample and click search.
- 3. In the Organization field: type **Sample**.
- 4. In the First Name field: type Sample.
- 5. In the Last Name field: type **Sample**.
- 6. In the Password field: type Sample.
- 7. Click Login.
- 8. Follow the sample assessment directions.
- 9. Log out of the system when you are finished.

**NOTE:** When students log in to the system to take the Arizona assessments, the login procedure will NOT include four fields. It will only include two fields: SAIS ID and Password. The sample assessment is the only place that four fields are required for login.

# **Proctor Script for Assessment Procedures**

**NOTE:** Instructions to the proctor are printed in regular font. Information that must be read to the students is indented and highlighted.

If there is a white board or other board visible to students in the assessment center, write the assessment URL on the board. The URL is <a href="http://www.techfluency.org/esess">http://www.techfluency.org/esess</a>.

Begin by reading the following.

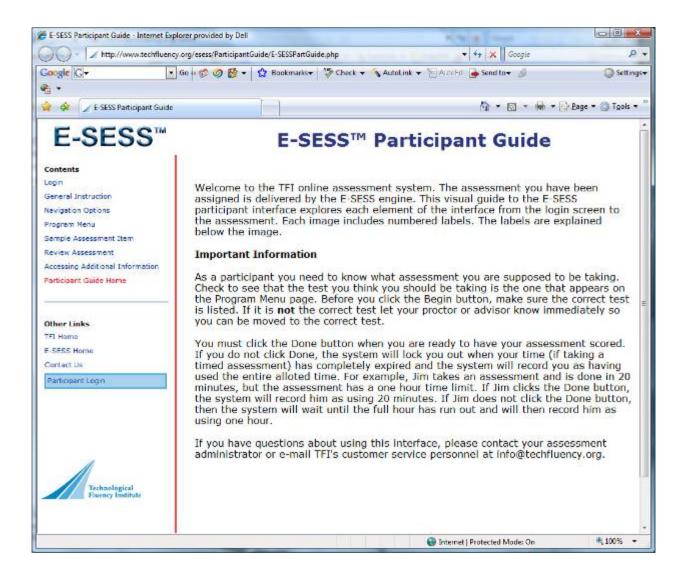
- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off prior to being stored away from the assessment area.
- You should have nothing with you while you are in front of the computer other than scratch paper and a pen or pencil. If you need more scratch paper or another pen or pencil, raise your hand and I will bring it to you.
- The assessment and/or any assessment item may not be saved to the local network drive, computer hard drive, or other device. Documents may not be printed.
- All scratch paper and pens or pencils are to be returned to me before you leave the room.
- There will be no talking during the assessment. Are there any questions?

(Pause) Answer any questions. Permit students the opportunity to go to the bathroom if necessary.

 Open the assessment system using the Web site address <a href="http://www.techfluency.org/esess">http://www.techfluency.org/esess</a>.

(Pause) Verify that all students have opened the assessment Web site.

- We will now review the E-SESS<sup>™</sup> Participant Guide. This Guide explains how the assessment system operates.
- Click on Participant Guide on the left side of your screen. Please follow along as I read through the instructions in the Guide.



Read through the online Guide. Be sure to read the following links on the left: Login, General Instructions, Navigation Options, Program Menu, Sample Assessment Item, Review Assessment and Accessing Additional Information. Read each screen word for word.

Are there any questions?

(Pause) Answer any questions.

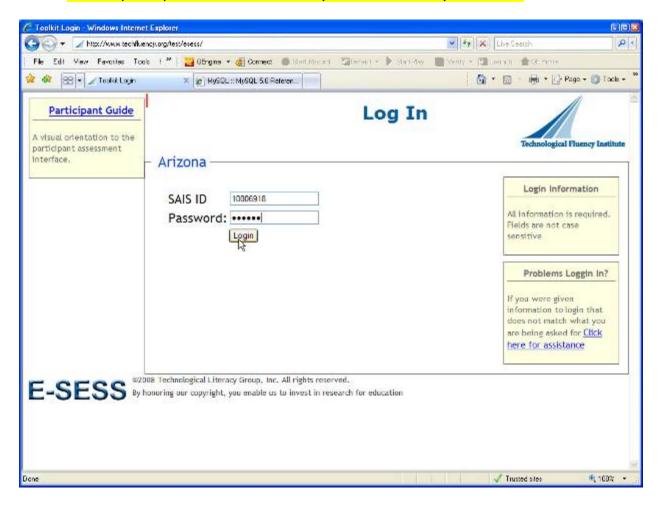
Close the E-SESS<sup>™</sup> Participant Guide window.

After reviewing the Participant Guide and answering all questions, distribute the Registration User ID cards. Each student should receive one User ID card.

- I've distributed User ID cards. These cards contain the information you will need in order to log in to the End-of-Program assessment system. The login procedure is:
  - 1. Enter your **SAIS ID** in the top field.
  - 2. Enter your password in the bottom field.

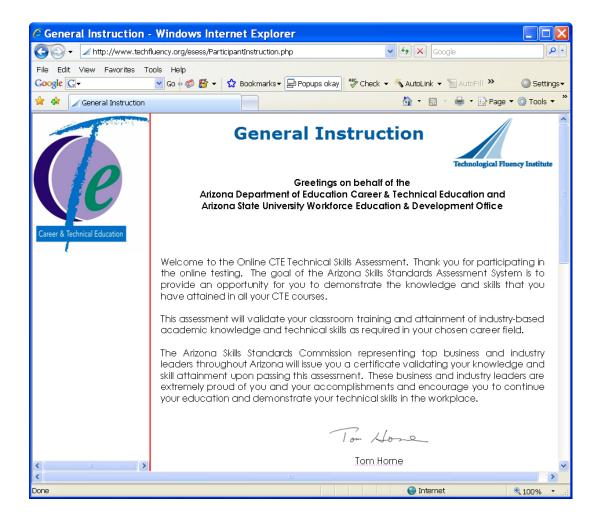
#### 3. Click the "Login" button.

Login information is not case sensitive; however, the letters/numbers must be keyed in the
exact sequence presented. Do not click any buttons until I tell you to do so.



**NOTE:** If the system has never been accessed on the computer, a blue search box will appear. Students will need to type **Arizona** and click **search** in order to access the Login screen shown in the above steps.

Upon login, the assessment system directs you to a General Instructions page. Read this
information and check the box beside each statement before continuing.



Read the greetings with students.

(Pause) Answer any questions.

- Click "Continue."
- The assessment system then directs you to the Program Menu page. Under the Resources menu on the left, you may access the Participant Guide if you have a question about the assessment system during the assessment. The end-of-program assessment will open in a separate window, so you may return to the Program Menu at any time during the assessment.

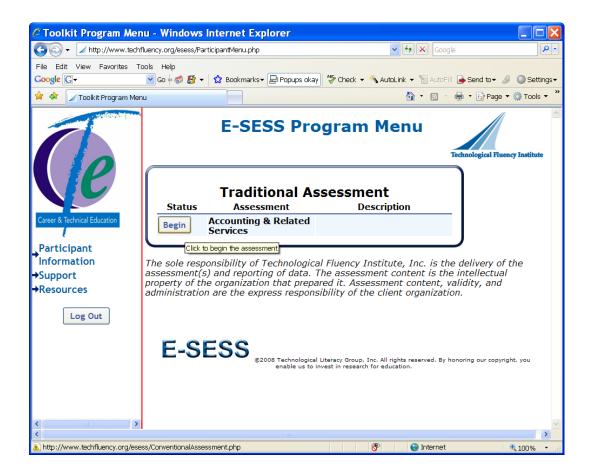
Verify that all students are on the Program Menu page.

## Student Agreement

- 1. I will not copy or reproduce in part or whole any part of this assessment by any means whatsoever, including memorization.
- 2. I will not use unauthorized information or any additional materials other than those provided to me during the assessment.
- 3. I will not participate in any future discussion or disclosure of the contents of the assessment orally, in writing or by any other means.
- 4. I will not communicate with other assessment-takers, or assist or obtain assistance from any person during the assessment.

#### Statement of Understanding

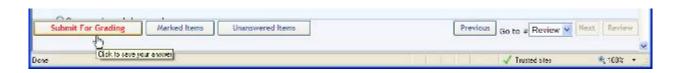
By checking this box  $\Box$  I indicate that I have read and understand the agreement. I am aware that failure to comply with the outlined requirements will result in serious consequences, including the invalidation of my assessment results.



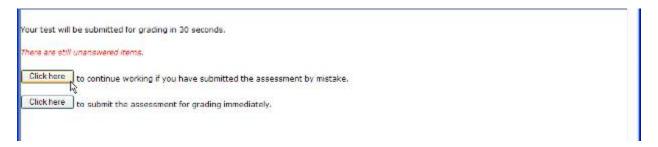
Are there any questions?

(Pause) Answer any questions.

- If you should experience hardware problems while taking the assessment, raise your hand and let me know immediately.
- Read each question carefully and select your answer. When you answer a question, click "Save Answer" to move to the next question. You may mark any question for "review," "skip," or "save answer." All answers may be reviewed and/or changed at any time during the assessment. When you are on the Review screen, you may change answers, find unanswered questions, or find items that were marked for review. The questions you mark for review will be highlighted in blue.
- When all assessment items are answered, the assessment system will direct you to the Review Assessment page, if you are not already on this page. You may review all items and change any answer while on this page. When you are ready to submit the assessment for evaluation, you must click the red "Submit for Grading" button in the lower left corner of the window. Do not click this button until you are ready to submit your assessment for evaluation.



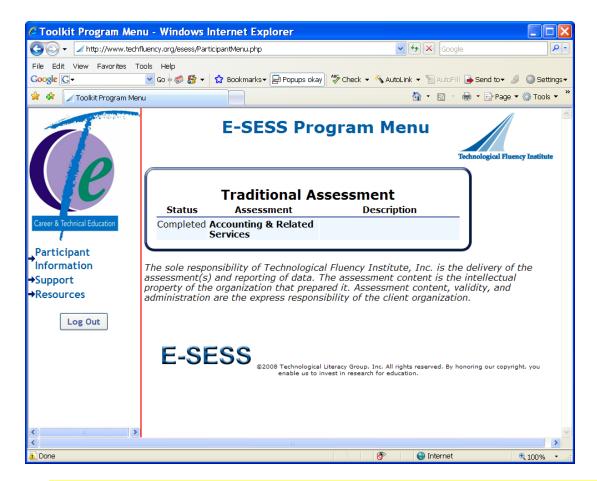
Text will appear on the screen. It will give you another opportunity to return to the assessment
and alter answers or to continue with the submission process. To submit the assessment for
evaluation, click "Click here" beside the text that is your choice of action.



You will immediately see your results.

If the assessment center has available printers say the following [Note: If no printers are available, skip this section and go to \*\*.]:

• Assessment results may be printed after all students have concluded the assessment or after the stop time has been called, whichever occurs first. If you would like to print a copy of your assessment results, please raise your hand and I'll assist you with printing your scores at the conclusion of the assessment. Please sit quietly as to not distract students still completing the assessment. If you are not interested in printing your assessment results, click the "Close Assessment" button or the close button in the browser window.



- When the assessment window has been closed, the Program Menu should still be open. The "Begin" button now says "Completed" and is no longer an active button. Close the window by clicking the close button in the browser window.
- After closing both windows, return all scratch paper, pens, pencils and User ID cards to me.
   Then, you may leave the assessment center.

\*\*[If there are no printers available or if you have read the above text, read the following text.]

 Now that you have had an overview of the entire assessment process, are there any questions?

(Pause) Answer any questions the students may have and then continue with the script.

 After you click the "Begin" button, you will have two hours to complete the assessment. Are there any questions?

Begin timing the assessment as you announce to the students:

You may now click "Begin."

Monitor the room during the two-hour assessment period. When all students have submitted their assessment for grading, walk around the assessment center and look at every monitor. Make sure that ALL students have clicked "Done" and their screens show the assessment results.

If the assessment center has available printers say the following [Note: If no printers are available, skip this section and go to \*\*\*.]:

• If you are interested in printing your results, click the "Printer-Friendly Version" button, which opens the assessment report in a new window, and you may print the page. Print the page.

\*\*\*[If there are no printers available or if you have read the above text, read the following text.]

- When you are finished reviewing your scores online, click the "Close Assessment" button or the close button in the browser window. When the assessment window has been closed, the Program Menu should still be open. The "Begin" button now says "Completed" and is no longer an active button. Close the window by clicking the close button in the browser window.
- After closing both windows, return all scratch paper, pens, pencils and User ID cards to me. Then, you may leave the assessment center.

During the assessment period, monitor the assessment center. At the end of the assessment session, walk around the assessment center and look at every monitor to ensure that all browser windows have been closed.

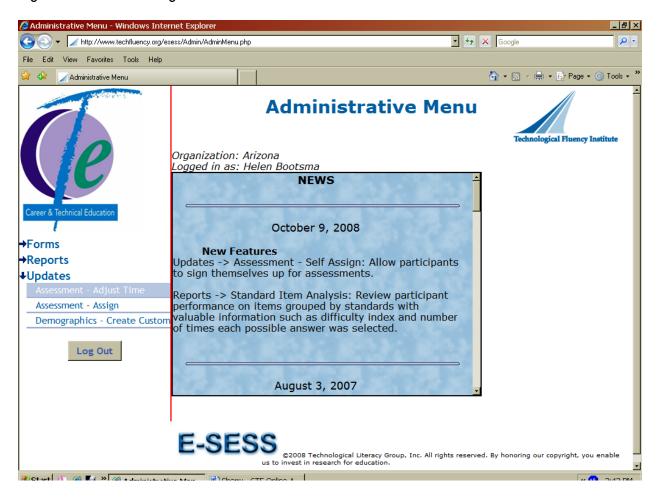
Before students leave the assessment center, verify that all scratch paper and User ID cards have been returned.

#### **Technical Support**

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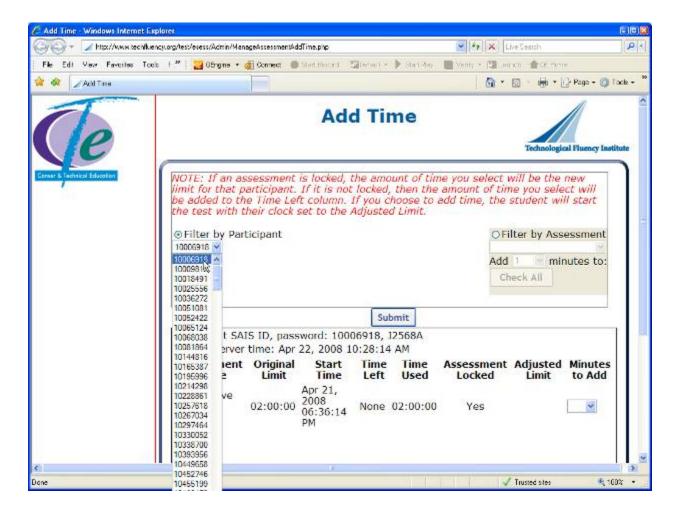
# **Adjust Time for Assessment**

This form enables the time limit for assessments to be adjusted for an individual or a group of individuals. The time limit can be adjusted beyond the recommended two hours to accommodate for a variety of situations. The adjusted time limit will not begin counting down until the participant logs in and clicks the Begin button.

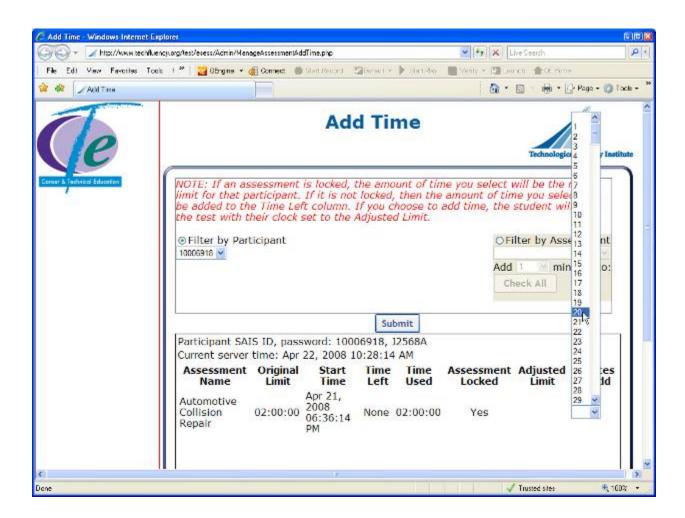


- 1. Click Updates.
- 2. Click Assessment Adjust Time.

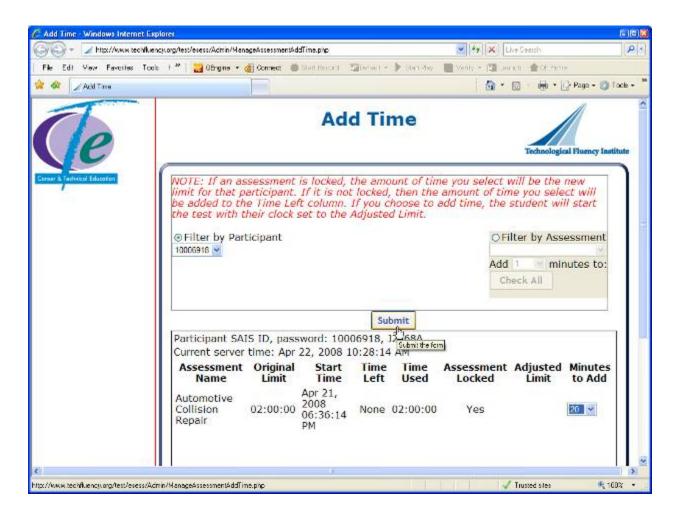
3. To adjust a single participant's time:



a. Select a participant from the Filter by Participant drop-down list.

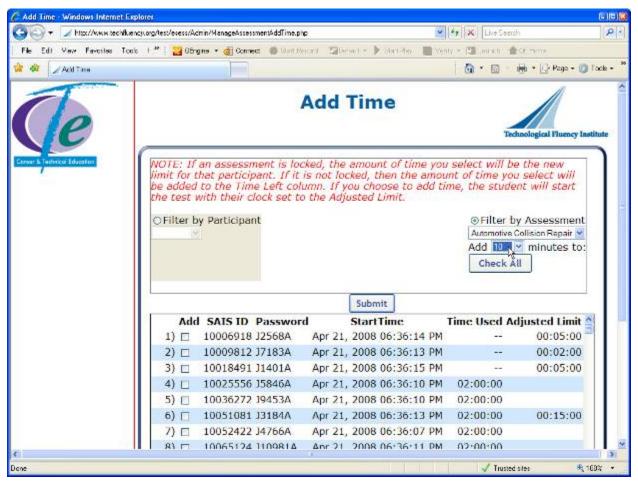


b. Select the desired number of minutes to add from the column titled Minutes to Add. If there is a time in the Time Left column, the selected number of minutes will be added to that time. If the Time Left is blank or just has some text in it, then the selected number of minutes will be the new time limit.

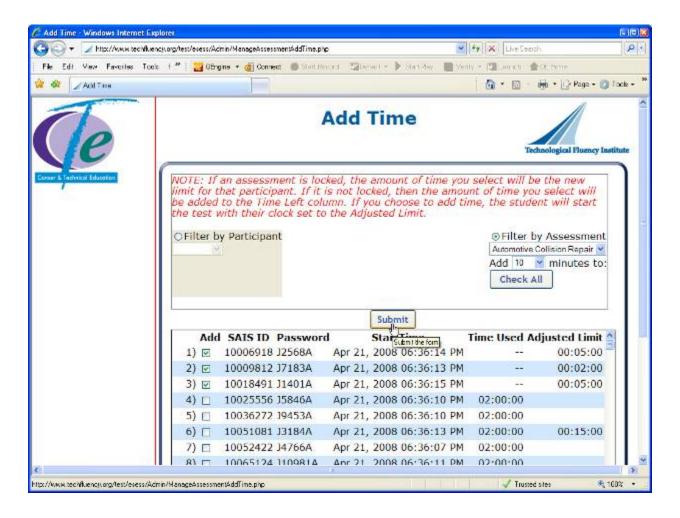


- c. Click Submit.
- d. Close the Add Time window.

- 4. To adjust multiple participants' time:
  - a. Click Filter by Assessment.



b. Choose the desired assessment from the list.



- Select the desired number of minutes to add from the list of numbers.
- d. Click **Check All** to add the selected minutes to everyone in the list or click the check box in the **Add** column beside specific names to give the adjusted time to only those participants.
- e. Click Submit.
- 5. Close the Add Time window.

# **Retrieving Assessment Results Overview**

Three reports provide immediate feedback on the assessment results. They are available in several formats.

#### First Time Login:

- 1. Type Arizona in the box for Organization and type your district password in the box for Password.
- 2. Click the Login box and you will be at the Login Verification Page.
- Scroll down the page to the Statement of Understanding and Agreement. Click to confirm you agree with security and then click continue. The Administrative Menu window will open.
- 4. Three options are displayed on the left. When working with selections from the Administrative Menu, be aware that you will be looking at pop-up pages and you should not click the BACK ← on the left of your menu bar to get back to the menu. If you do so, you will get a "time expired" message and you will need to click the Refresh button.
- 5. Click the Red X at the top right of you menu bar and the pop-up page will close and you'll be back to the Administrative Menu of options.

**Participant Information Report:** Provides comprehensive student information. This function allows you to select fields from the database to include any of the selected fields in a report.

- 1. In the Optional Filters box click on a filter to view and select lists of data.
- 2. Next identify the fields to be included in the report by selecting corresponding fields in the drop down boxes below.
- 3. Next scroll down with the bar on the right to select appropriate CTE programs.
- 4. After selecting filters and fields click on **Submit**. The report with requested content will be displayed on screen.
- 5. To look at the entire report, click on **Next** in the top left of your screen.
- 6. To print the report, select **Printable** on the left side of the screen and a printable version will appear.

**Standards Performance Report:** Tells how many students answered each standard correctly, incorrectly or did not attempt the item. It also provides the percentage of correct answers for each assessment item. This is a large report and occasionally the page comes up partially blank. If this happens, click anywhere on the page and it should completely open.

- 1. Click the down arrow ↓ and select Arizona Skills Standards Assessment.
- 2. Select the assessment that you would like to evaluate.

- 3. Select demographic fields to display. To select more than one, hold down the Ctrl key.
- 4. Allow the two checked boxes to remain selected in the upper right Filter boxes.
- 5. Select Assessment Dates, Participants and filter fields from the right side of the page to correspond with selections from the demographic fields selected on the left.
- 6. **Submit.** It may take as much as 15 minutes to display your information depending on the size of the list. Information for small districts is displayed more quickly than for large districts.

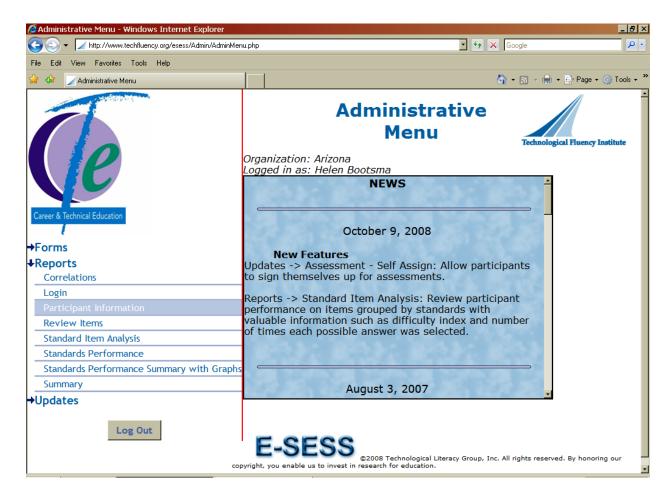
**Standards Performance Summary with Graphs Report:** Tells how many students answered each standard correctly, incorrectly or did not attempt the item. It also provides the percentage of correct answers for each assessment item. This is a large report and occasionally the page comes up partially blank. If this happens, click anywhere on the page and it should completely open. It provides an easy colorful graphic report of program performance for each program standard.

- Click on the down arrow ↓ in the Standards box and select Arizona Skills Standards
   Assessment System.
- 2. Select the assessment that you would like to evaluate.
- 3. Select Demographic Breakdown if desired. This will separate out the report data by demographic selected.
- 4. Select level of standards.
- 5. Allow the two checked boxes to remain selected in the upper right Filter boxes.
- 6. Select Assessment Dates and filter fields from the right side of the page. This will limit which students are reported in the final results
- 7. **Submit.** It may take as much as 15 minutes to display your information depending on the size of the list. Information for small districts is displayed more quickly than for large districts.
- 8. To print the report, click **Printable**, on the left side of the page. This will print the report with percentage level of performance.

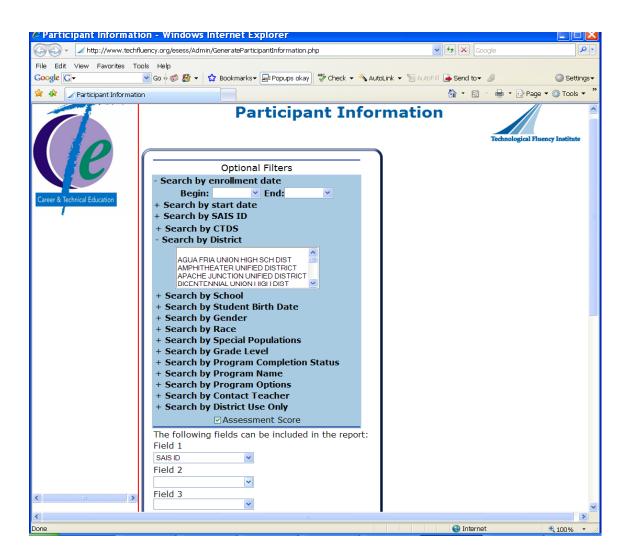
# **Retrieving Assessment Results**

## Participant Information Report

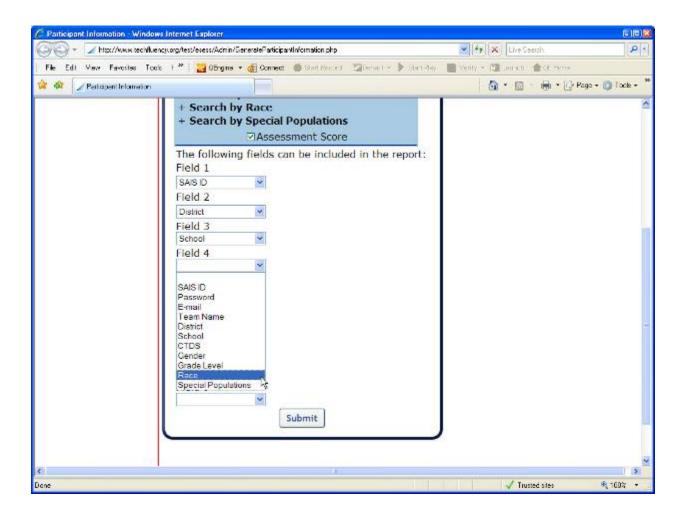
This report enables the administrator to select specific information to be included in the report each time the report is created. All demographic information can be selected as well as assessment results. The fields can be in any order. The report provides a link to an output file. The output version enables the administrator to sort and manipulate the data as needed.



- 1. Click Reports.
- 2. Click Participant Information.



3. Select the desired **Optional Filters** to limit the data reported.

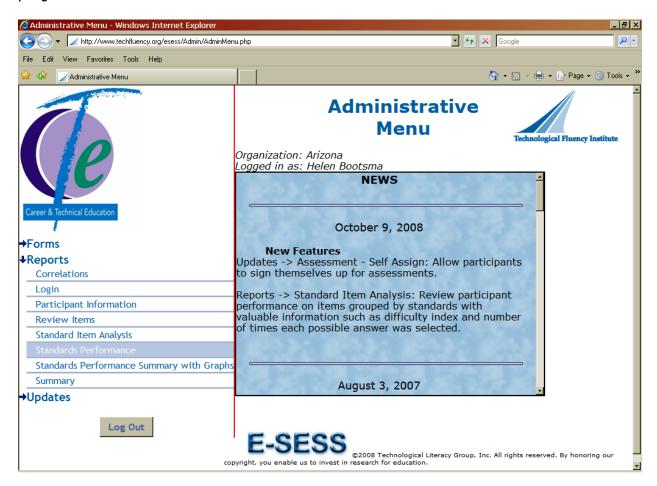


- 4. Select the desired data to be returned in the drop-down lists Field 1, Field 2 and so on.
- 5. Click Submit.

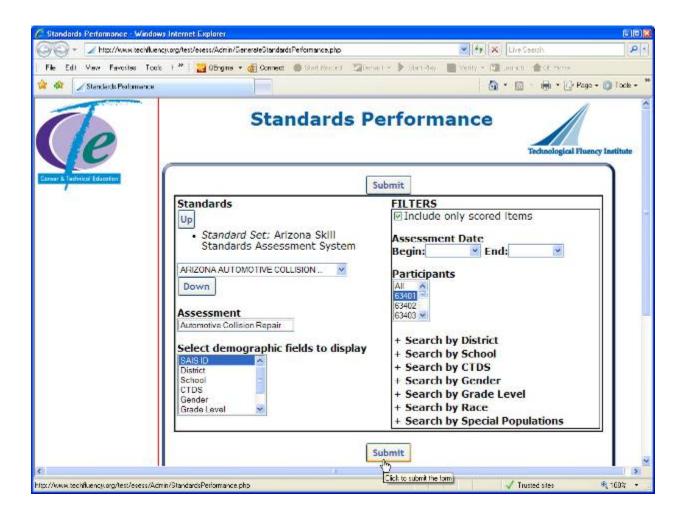
## Standards Performance Report

This report enables administrators to view the performance of each individual participant on selected standards. Demographic information can be selected. The report provides a link to printable version or the ability to email it to appropriate personnel.

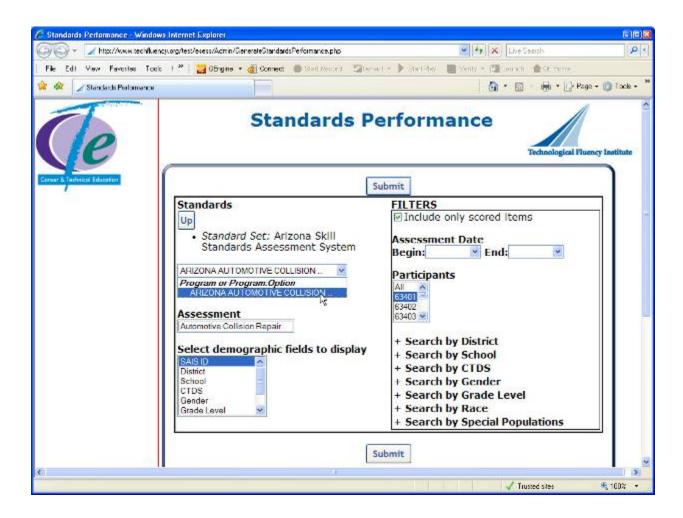
The report lists each student's SAIS ID; each selected standard/measurement criteria; the number of items answered correctly, incorrectly, or unattempted; and the overall percent correct for the standard/measurement criteria. At the end of the selected program standard/measurement criteria listing, the totals for each column appear, thus providing a total percent correct for the program standard.



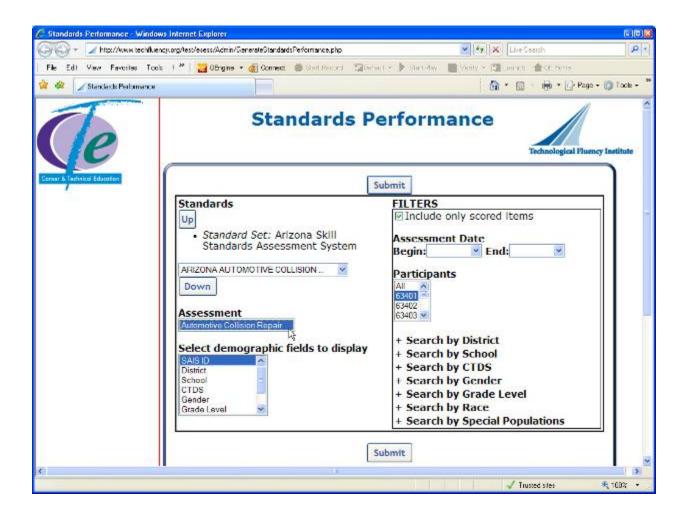
- 1. Click Reports.
- Click Standards Performance. The Standards Performance report opens in a new window.



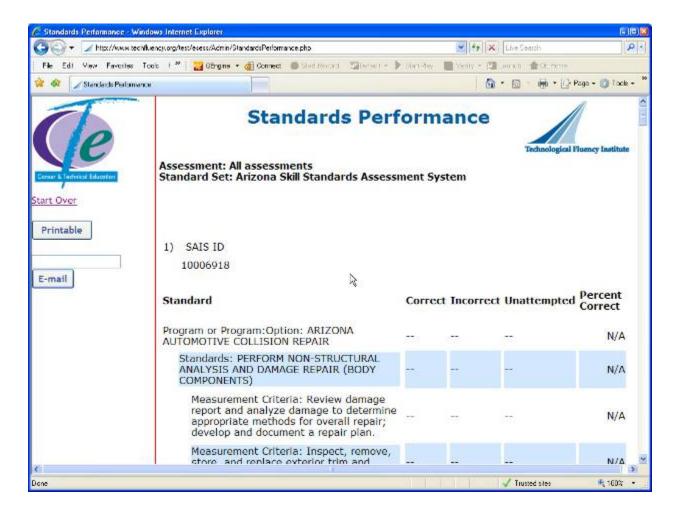
- 3. Select a **standard set** from the drop-down list.
  - a. Click the **Down** button.
  - b. Use the **scroll arrows** to locate the program.



c. Click the program name.



- 4. Select an assessment.
- 5. Select a demographic field, if desired.
- 6. Select an assessment date, if desired.
- 7. Select a single participant or select All.
- 8. Click **Submit**. The number of standards in the given program will affect the amount of time the report takes to load.

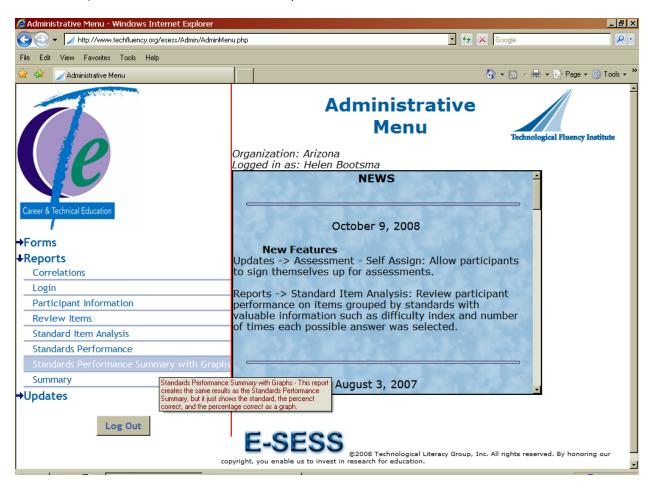


- 9. The Standards Performance report appears. In the left menu area, the report may be converted to a printable format using the Printable button, or it may be emailed using the Email button.
- 10. Close the Standards Performance window.

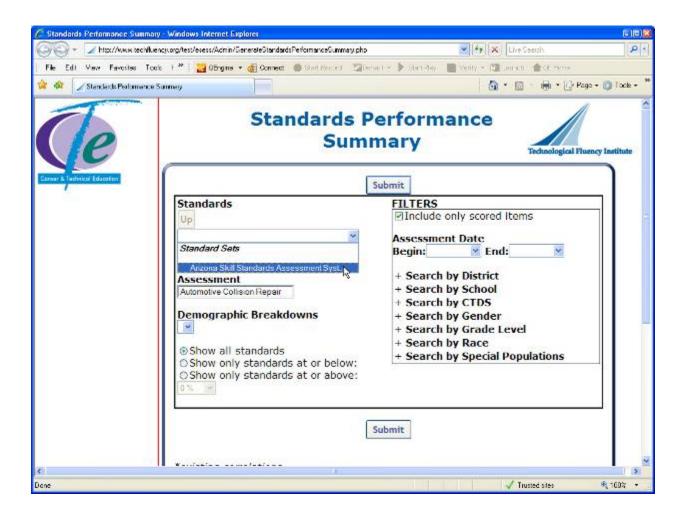
## Standards Performance Summary Report with Graphs

This report enables administrators to view the performance of a group of participants on selected standards. Demographic information can be selected. The report provides a link to printable version or the ability to email it to appropriate personnel.

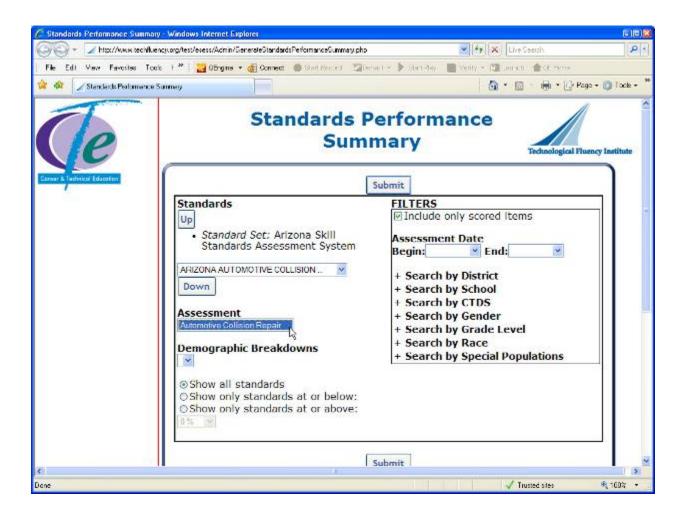
The report lists the filters used to create the report, each selected standard/measurement criteria, the overall percent correct for the standard/measurement criteria.



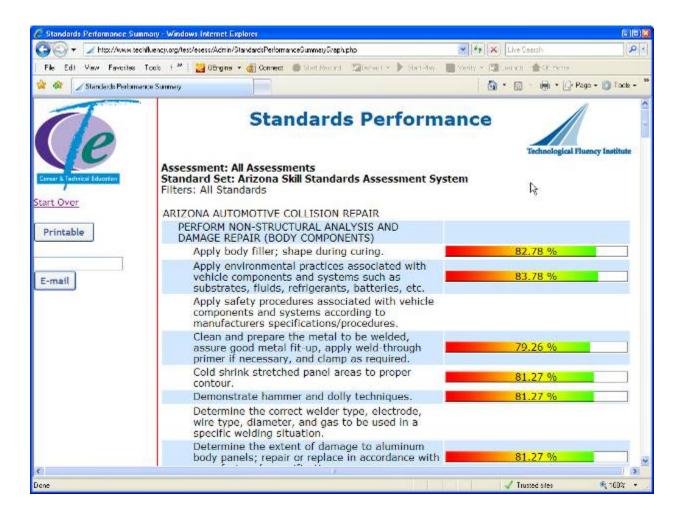
- 1. Click Reports.
- 2. Click **Standards Performance Summary with Graphs.** The Standards Performance Summary report opens in a new window.



- 3. Select a standard set from the drop-down list.
  - a. Click the **Down** button.
  - b. Use the **scroll arrows** to locate the program.
  - c. Click the program name.



- 4. Select an assessment.
- 5. Select a demographic breakdown, if desired.
- 6. Select an assessment date, if desired.
- 7. Select any search filters.
- 8. Click **Submit**. The number of standards in the given program will affect the amount of time the report takes to load.



- 9. The Standards Performance Summary report appears. In the left menu area, the report may be converted to a printable format using the Printable button, or it may be emailed using the Email button.
- 10. Close the Standards Performance window.

# **Appendix**

# **Fall 2008 Pilot Assessments**

CIP	Program
13.1200	Education and Training: Education Professions
15.1300	Drafting and Design Technology Option A - Architectural Drafting
15.1300	Drafting and Design Technology Option C - Electronics Drafting
15.1300	Drafting and Design Technology Option D - Mechanical Drafting
47.0600	Automotive Technologies Option D - Aircraft Mechanics
51.0900	Diagnostic and Intervention Technologies Option B- Emergency Medical Paramedics
52.1900	Design and Merchandising Option A - Fashion
52.1900	Design and Merchandising Option B - Interior

# Fall 2008 End-of-Program Assessments

CIP	Program	
01.0100	Ag Business Management-Agriscience Option B - Plant Systems	
01.0100	Ag Business Management-Agriscience Option C - Animal Systems	
01.0100	Ag Business Management-Agriscience Option F - Agribusiness Systems	
12.0500	Culinary Arts	
46.0200	Carpentry Technologies Option A - Carpentry	
46.0200	Carpentry Technologies Option B - Cabinetmaking	
46.0400	Construction Technologies	
47.0600	Automotive Technologies Option A - Automotive Technology	
47.0600	Automotive Technologies Option B - Automotive Collision Repair	
51.0800	Allied Health Services Option B - Laboratory Assisting	
51.0800	Allied Health Services Option D - Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Services	
51.0800	Allied Health Services Option E - Medical Assisting Services	
51.1600	Nursing Services	
52.0200	Business Management and Administrative Services	
52.0300	Accounting and Related Services	
52.0800	Financial Services	

## Legislative Background

The CTE Online Assessment is the result of ARS §15-391(3)(d)(e) which became law on June 21, 2006. It requires that Career and Technical Education (CTE) Joint Technical Education District programs be designed to lead the student toward certification that is accepted by a vocation or industry as a demonstration of skill or competency in that vocation or industry. It also requires that students obtain a passing score on an assessment that demonstrates a level of skill or competency for that program of study that is accepted by a vocation or an industry and meets the standards of a career preparatory vocational program as determined by the CTE Section of the Arizona Department of Education.

The federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 Public Law 109-270 [Sec.113(b)(2)(A)(ii)] requires student attainment of career and technical skill proficiencies including student achievement on technical assessments that are aligned with industry recognized standards if available and appropriate.

As a result of both Arizona and federal legislation, the Arizona Skill Standards Assessment System was established to fully engage Arizona businesses and industries to certify valid industry-recognized standards, validate assessments, award a credential to students who have passed the assessment and align efforts with existing credential systems established by professional groups and trades.

The Arizona Skills Standards Assessment Systems is the result of many partnerships. The first partnership is the Arizona Department of Education Career and Technical Education Section with the Arizona State University Workforce Education and Development Office. These two Arizona businesses and have partnered with development/validation of the standards. VTECS is assisting by locating standards, item banks, and assessments from other states and organizations and conducting on-site standards setting, item writing, and technical committee review and validation sessions. VTECS is the organization through which many states share innovative career and workforce education resources. They are a national consortium of states with a 36 year history of providing a platform for states to work together on CTE initiatives. PITSCO is providing the leadership and services to deliver this assessment online.

### **CTE Security Agreement**

- 1. The assessment administrator is defined as any of the following school/district staff:
  - Testing Proctor-professional or certified staff
  - Testing Administrator
  - CTE Department Chair
  - Local CTE Director
  - District Assessment Coordinator
  - District Central Office CTE Curriculum Specialist
  - Building Administrator (Principal or Assistant Principal)
  - Counseling Staff
- All school district staff will take all necessary precautions to safeguard the Career and Technical Education (CTE) assessment information by limiting access to only those with a legitimate educational interest.
- The assessment administrators will keep related materials under lock and key, limiting access to those responsible for their security. Assessment passwords will remain secure until they are actually distributed to students.
- 4. The assessment administrator will follow all instructions in the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide which includes reading the directions to students exactly as scripted in the Administrator Guide.
- 5. The assessment administrator will not examine the CTE assessment to determine the content beyond the requirements to administer the assessment. They will not discuss any assessment item at any time or disclose any assessment information related to the Arizona Skills Standards Assessment.
- 6. In no case will students be permitted to remove assessment material from the room where the assessment takes place except under supervision of professional staff.
- 7. Upon completion of the CTE assessment, the assessment administrator will return all CTE Security Agreements to the designated district administrator.
- 8. The district superintendent will enforce disciplinary policy and procedures for the violation of CTE assessment security.
- 9. The names of all persons having access to the CTE assessment information will be kept on file by the designated district assessment administrator. All persons having access to the CTE assessment information will sign the CTE Security Agreement, which will be kept on file:
  - a. The Superintendent or district designee will maintain signed agreements of assessment administrators.
  - b. The Superintendent will sign for district and submit the CTE Security Agreement to ADE CTE.
  - c. ADE CTE will maintain signed agreements of superintendents/charter representatives.
- 10. By signing my name to this Arizona Skills Standards Assessment Security Agreement I am assuring the Arizona Department of Education Career and Technical Education Section that the CTE Online Assessment will be secure and I agree to all conditions to ensure the security of the assessment.

SIGNED BY:	
PRINTED NAME:	
TITLE:	
DATE:	
ADDRESS:	CITY/ZIP:
DISTRICT NAME/ CHARTER OPERATOR:	•

FAX CTE Security Agreement with Superintendent's Signature to 602-542-5334, attention: Helen Bootsma

DUE: November 7, 2008

# Who Takes CTE End-of-Program Assessments?

### **First Semester**

- Concentrators who have completed the state-designated sequence of CTE courses and will
  not be enrolled in the same CTE program second semester.
- Concentrators who are currently enrolled in the last year of the state-designated sequence of CTE courses and want to practice.

### **Second Semester**

• Concentrators who have completed the state-designated sequence of courses.

**Secondary Concentrator** – A secondary student who has transcripted two (2) or more Carnegie Units/credits in a state-designated sequence in an approved Career and Technical Education program. The Carnegie Units/credits must be in a single Career Preparation program as outlined in the CTE Handbook.

Perkins Secondary Performance Measure & Citation	Measurement Definition	7/1/08 - 6/30/09
2S1 Technical Skill Attainment 113(b)(2)(A)(ii)	<b>Numerator:</b> Number of <u>CTE concentrators</u> who completed the state-designated sequence of instruction then took and passed the technical skills assessment and left secondary education in the reporting year.	Negotiated Level 65%
	<b>Denominator:</b> Number of <u>CTE concentrators</u> who completed the state-designated sequence of instruction and then took the technical skills assessment and left secondary education in the reporting year.	

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) has approved Arizona's proposal that **60** percent of the **concentrators eligible to take the assessment** in identified program areas will take the assessment.

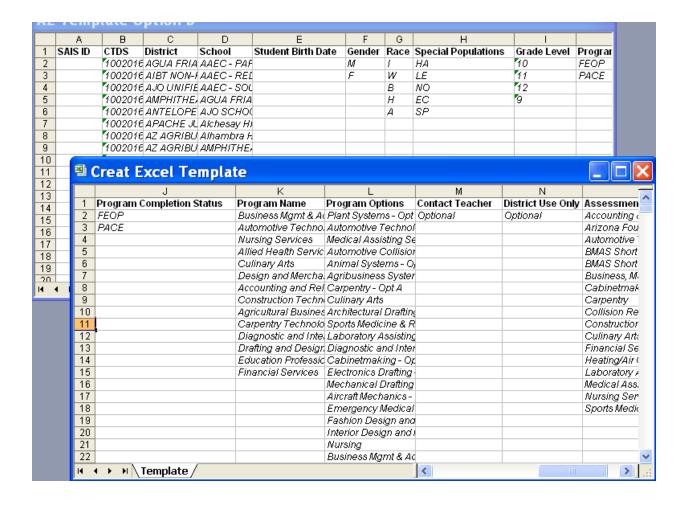
**Arizona Education Law:** ARS § 15-391(3)(d)(e) requires that JTED programs are designed to lead the student toward certification accepted by industry as a demonstration of competency in that industry. It also requires students to obtain a passing score on an examination that demonstrates a level of skill or competency for that program of study.

The CTE end-of-program assessment is designed to meet **both** Federal Perkins and the Arizona State requirements.

# Required Carnegie Units for CTE Programs in 2008-2009

CIP	Programs	Minimum Number of Carnegie Units in State-Designated Sequence of Instruction
01.0100	Agricultural Business Management - Agriscience	3
10.0200	Audiovisual Technology	2
10.0300	Graphic Communications	3
12.0400	Cosmetology	2
12.0500	Culinary Arts	2
13.1200	Education and Training: Education Professions	2
13.1210	Education and Training: Early Childhood Education	2
15.0000	Engineering Sciences	3
15.0300	Electronic Technology	3
15.0600	Industrial Manufacturing	3
15.1200	Information Technology	2
15.1300	Drafting and Design Technology	2
43.0100	Law, Public Safety and Security	2
43.0200	Fire Science	2
46.0200	Carpentry Technologies	3
46.0300	Electrical and Power Transmission Technology	3
46.0400	Construction Technologies	3
46.0500	Plumbing Services	2
47.0100	Telecommunications Maintenance and Installers	3
47.0200	Heating/Air Conditioning Maintenance	2
47.0600	Automotive Technologies	3
48.0500	Welding Technology	3
49.0200	Heavy Equipment Operations	2
50.0100	Performing Arts	3
51.0600	Dental Assisting	2
51.0800	Allied Health Services	2
51.0900	Diagnostic and Intervention Technologies	2
51.1000	Biomedical Health Technologies	3
51.1500	Mental and Social Health Services	2
51.1600	Nursing Services	2
51.3500	Therapeutic Massage	2
52.0200	Business Management and Administrative Services	3
52.0300	Accounting and Related Services	3
52.0800	Financial Services	3 2
52.0900	Hospitality Management	2
52.1800	Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship	2
52.1900	Design and Merchandising	2

# **Required Fields in Excel Template**



## **Special Populations Definitions**

Special Populations categories should be reported based on documentation in the student's permanent record. A student may only be reported in one Special Populations category. Report using the category most applicable to the student from this list of eligible groups in the following hierarchical order:

**Individuals with Disabilities (Handicapped)** – A student with any disability as defined in Section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102) as follows:

- A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of that individual
- A record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.
   Includes those students evaluated under IDEA and determined to be in need of special education and related services and any individual considered disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Limited English Proficiency (LEP)** – A student with Limited English Proficiency who requires assistance to succeed in his/her CTE program: a secondary school student, an adult or an out-of-school youth, who has limited ability in speaking, writing or understanding the English language and:

- Whose native language is not English or
- Who lives in a family or community environment in which a language other than English is the dominant language.

**Economically Disadvantaged** — A family or individual including foster children, whom the Local Education Agency identifies as low income (on the basis of uniform methods described in the State Plan) and who requires financial assistance to succeed in Career and Technical Education. Examples of eligibility definitions include:

- Annual income at or below the official poverty line,
- Eligibility for free school lunch,
- Eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children or other public assistance programs and
- Eligibility for participation in programs assisted under Title I of the WIA.

Single Parent – Any individual who requires assistance to succeed in his/her CTE program and who:

- Has custody and
- Responsibility for the support and care of one or more dependent children under the age
  of eighteen in the same residence. Note: For eligibility purposes, a person who provides
  child support but no custodial care is not considered a single parent. Single pregnant
  women are eligible for services.

**Nontraditional** – A student enrolled in a Career and Technical Education program that has been identified as a nontraditional program for his or her gender. See attached list of nontraditional programs on CTE Web site at

http://www.ade.az.gov/cte/careerpathways/Handbook/Page172-ProgramEnrollmentReporting.pdf.

# **Detailed Suggestions to Ensure Success**

### Initial Activities Prior to Assessment

The following list was compiled with the assistance of those who participated in the Spring 2008 pilot process.

- Provide a window of available dates to conduct the CTE assessment to CTE teachers, district assessment staff and high school administration. Determine specific assessment dates for each site and provide email reminder messages throughout the process.
- 2. Identify specific district CTE programs that will be assessed. Inform all stakeholders and place dates on school calendar, website, etc.
- 3. Secure computer labs at each site for assessment.
- 4. Prepare list of students enrolled in each CTE program for second, third, fourth year. Confirm that all students are listed under the correct program CIP code and meet eligibility requirements for the end-of-program assessment located in the Appendix. Generate CTE student assessment roster for each site based on eligibility requirements.
- Collect student data necessary to register students for the assessment. The registration information sheet on page 11 provides the complete list of fields and the explanation.
- 6. Provide all sites with information regarding the number of proctors needed and arrange for additional proctors if necessary. CTE teachers do not assess their own students. One proctor is necessary for approximately every 25 students.
- 7. Meet with district administration regarding CTE Security Agreement, located in the Appendix, and obtain superintendent's signature on CTE Security Agreement. FAX to ADE CTE by November 7, 2008.
- 8. Provide site contacts with sample letter to be sent to parents.
- 9. Prepare assessment schedule for computer rooms. Allow a minimum of at least two hours of assessment time for each group of students.
- 10. Prepare release time forms for proctors if necessary.
- 11. Secure additional technical assistance and lead proctors from CTE office. Confirm who will be coming from the district CTE office to assist on the day of the assessment.
- 12. Make arrangements with the cafeteria if changes in lunch schedule are needed.
- 13. Forward electronic copy of the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide to all proctors. Print the CTE Security Agreement forms for all assessment staff.
- 14. Schedule and conduct assessment orientation as necessary. Use the 24/7 tutorial available at www.techfluency.org/Arizona during the orientation. Obtain signed CTE Security Agreements from all assessment administrators and forward to designated district assessment administrator.
- 15. Secure scratch paper and pencils for each site.
- 16. Ensure that online system is compatible with the computers at each site. Contact technical support if there are any concerns.

- 17. Conduct an onsite visit to the computer labs. It is strongly recommended that every computer lab access the sample assessment prior to assessment date. Directions are located on page 36. Good lighting, ventilation, and freedom from distracting noises and interruptions are important for student performance. Determine if the room contains any visual aids that could assist students while taking the assessment. They must be removed or covered completely. Determine if student seating in the computer lab allows for the proctor to walk by each student. Check to see if there is an accurate clock in the assessment center. It is highly recommended that a printer be available to print student results.
- 18. Communicate with students and their CTE teacher regarding the time and location of the computer lab. Inform students that they are not to bring personal items to the assessment center.
- 19. Send communication regarding CTE assessment dates, times, and room numbers to administration and teachers at each site.
- 20. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator by ADE.

### Final Activities Prior to Assessment

- 1. Register all eligible CTE students for the assessment.
- 2. Proof registration roster and modify if necessary.
- 3. Generate the list of Registration User ID cards.
- 4. Cut the ID cards and sort/collate with the assessment rosters.
- 5. Prepare proctor envelope containing assessment rosters, proctor password and Registration User ID cards for each assessment room. Also provide information to the proctors about sending students back to class.
- 6. Provide envelopes to proctors.
- 7. Forward the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide to proctors and conduct final proctor training if this has not already been completed
- 8. Confirm that CTE teachers have informed their students of location of assessment computer lab. Remind CTE teachers that students are not to bring personal items to the assessment computer lab.
- 9. Confirm that each computer lab is ready for students
- 10. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator by ADE.
- 11. Send final communication to CTE teachers and site administration regarding CTE assessment dates, times and computer room numbers.
- 12. Review the legislative background located in Appendix with school administrators if this has not already been completed.

### **Proctor Activities**

#### Prior to the Assessment

- 1. Participate in the CTE assessment administrator training and review the CTE Online Assessment Administrator Guide.
- 2. Review the Proctor Script and the section on adjusting time for assessment in preparation for any unexpected situations.
- 3. Review specific accommodations directions which were provided to district assessment administrator by ADE.
- 4. Access the sample assessment.
- 5. Proctors should plan to arrive early with proctor envelope.
- 6. Confirm that the room is ready for the students and that the number of computers available is sufficient for the number of students on the assessment roster.
- 7. Review the assessment roster and verify student identity by checking student name on the assessment schedule roster as students enter the room. Make sure all students are on assessment roster list.
- 8. Show students where to place personal belongings and request them to turn off any cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, etc. as they enter the room.
- 9. Distribute scratch paper, pens and pencils.

### **During the Assessment**

- 1. Read the script exactly as it is written.
- 2. Distribute Registration User ID Cards.
- 3. Monitor students while they are taking the assessment.

### **After The Assessment**

- 1. Assist the students with printing the results of the assessment.
- 2. Collect all scratch paper and Registration User ID Cards from students before they leave the room. Place in proctor envelope.
- 3. Send students back to class according to directions from the assessment administrator.
- 4. Verify that all students are logged out of the online system and the computer.
- 5. Notify attendance office of students who were absent for the assessment.
- 6. Notify assessment administrator of students who participated and those who were absent.
- 7. Return proctor envelope to assessment administrator.

### Administrator Activities After Assessment

- 1. Confirm with proctors that all students received the printed results report.
- 2. Collect proctor envelopes.
- 3. Thank all teachers/administrators for their assistance.
- 4. Conduct debriefing with appropriate proctor groups.
- 5. Retrieve various reports and examine results. Share results with appropriate CTE staff and district administrators.
- 6. Determine percentage of eligible student participation in the assessment. Arizona has negotiated that 60 percent of the eligible concentrators will participate in taking the assessment. Identify goals to increase participation if necessary.
- 7. Provide CTE teachers with password to access assessment reports for students in their programs and confirm that each CTE teacher has access essential reports on student performance.
- 8. Evaluate results and determine appropriate training and professional development for CTE teachers in each program area.
- 9. Share results with CTE Advisory Committee members.